

NAEVR Engaged in Numerous Network Events Throughout the Country Lions Clubs International Honors President Carter

On January 27, former President Jimmy Carter dedicated the “Gift of Life” statue at Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. The statue symbolizes Lions Clubs International Foundation’s (LCIF) collaborative efforts to prevent blindness and is a gift to Lions from The Carter Center. NAEVR was pleased to attend this event and speak at the accompanying *Lions Sight Partners Forum*.



President Carter and Al Brandel, Lions Clubs International President

Left: The “Gift of Life” statue, depicting a child leading a man blinded by river blindness

NAEVR at 2008 Pisart Vision Award Ceremony



At a December 17 dinner, John Werner, Ph.D., Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Service and Professor of Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior (University of California at Davis) received the 2008 Pisart Award in recognition of his contribution to the prevention, cure, or treatment of severe vision impairment or blindness. Dr. Werner (right) is joined by Lighthouse International President and CEO Tara Cortes, Ph.D., R.N. NAEVR’s James Jorkasky serves as a Pisart Jurist.

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The NEI’s Rosemary Janiszewski, Associate Director for Communication, Health Education, and Public Liaison, spoke at the *Sight Partners Forum* about NEI’s research, education, and prevention activities

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Vision Advocacy Partners Meet, Host March 3 Capitol Hill Reception

On December 4, Prevent Blindness America (PBA) called together a number of vision advocacy organizations, including NAEVR, to discuss ways to enhance the vision message. This umbrella group has continued to meet and coordinate activities as *Vision Advocacy*

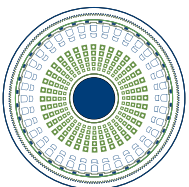
Partners. Many of these organizations, including NAEVR, co-sponsored a March 3 Congressional Vision Caucus Reception held in conjunction with PBA’s *Eyes on Capitol Hill* Advocacy Day.



Left to right: Cathy Cohen (American Academy of Ophthalmology), Kelly Hipp (American Optometric Association, AOA), Ed Greene (Vision Council of America), and Barry Barresi, O.D., Ph.D. (AOA) at the December meeting



Left to right: Andrea Densham (Prevent Blindness America) and legislative counsel Jeremy Scott (DrinkerBiddle Reath) speak with Congressional Vision Caucus co-chair Gene Green (D-TX) and his legislative assistant Abby Pinkele at the March 3 reception



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